

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

5:30 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Sharon Gilbert, Beth Ward, David Olivas, Peter Brown, Ed Libby, Jim Heard (Select Board liaison) and Patricia Finnigan Guest: Geoff Scott, pathways chair

Excused: Ray Andresen (chair)

David opened the meeting at 5:35pm and welcomed Jim Heard.

Sharon motioned to accept September 21, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, Peter seconded the motion, it passed 5-0.

Geoff Scott, Pathways Chair: discussed with the committee about combining pathways with the P & R committee as the Select Board suggested. A discussion was held about how to make the two function and what is the overlap between the two. Pathways is a two town committee with 5 people from Camden and 5 from Rockport. They meet monthly to plan long-term pathway projects for both towns. Geoff, Jeff and Sharon will attend a Pathways meeting on October 13 and will report back about the discussion there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported that the fundraising committee has been working hard this summer and fall. The goal for the New Year is to get to the 3 million dollar point. The "Support a Chairlift" campaign will begin soon (families and businesses will be acknowledged on a chair plaque for a \$10,000 donation).

US National Toboggan Championships®: Sharon reported that the committee has begun to meet every two weeks. The Sponsorship campaign is going well and is ahead of schedule. Committee is working on getting buses sponsored from Rockland to Snow Bowl. Registration begins Friday, October 14. The chute needs to be scraped and painted and the stairs need to be rebuilt. There is a plan (certified by a septic system engineer) to build an outhouse near the top of the chute because portable toilets cannot be serviced at that location. The committee agreed to allow only 7 food vendors this year and to ask them to all serve something different so everyone can be profitable.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Playground Plans: Beth reported that Ray had written the West Bay Rotary thanking them for the opportunity for a donation toward a playground at the RMRA, but that their donation would not cover the entire cost. The letter suggested other projects that the Rotary might be interested in supporting instead:

1. Help fund the Tannery Riverwalk project
3. Rebuild the toboggan chute stairs and landing for this year's event.

Troy Curtis reported that the West Bay Rotary Club has decided to continue with the idea of constructing a community playground for the youth of the region and it looks like the Town of Rockport has an interest for this at its Marge Jones Complex. The Club will keep the Camden alternative projects in mind for future years.

Sports Field: The field is in good shape, thanks to John Novak's assistance (high school groundskeeper). Plan to review the Field Use Policy in November. Ed Libby motioned that the committee should recognize John's efforts in some way, Sharon seconded the motion all in favor.

P & R Properties Tour: Tabled

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Laite Beach Seawall, Steps, Paths and Drainage: project to be finished later next week. October 28 at noon the committee will meet at Laite Beach to talk about replacing some trees.

RMRA Stream Management and Ditch Maintenance: Other than some vegetation removal, this project is on hold for next summer. The permit will still be in effect.

Bog Bridge (Route 105) Boat Ramp Rebuild: The project is going okay, with a few minor design issues to be resolved.

Multi-use Trail: is complete. The trail will remain closed until there is snow on it. There will be a grand opening this winter and possibly a summer time grand opening late spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events:

Chairlift Rides & Pancake Breakfasts: 4 Sundays October 2nd to 23rd.

Sunday 10/23: Glade clearing, pumpkin hunt and all agencies lift evacuation with Camden First Aid, Camden Fire, Camden Police and possibly Rockport FD.

Peter motioned to adjourn at 7:10pm, Ed 2nd all in favor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9 at 5:15 pm in the WSCR.

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward